

REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 14, 18-20, 28, and 29 have been amended, and claims 15-17 and 25-27 have been cancelled. Accordingly, claims 14, 18-24, and 28-30 are in the application.

Applicant appreciates the allowance of claim 30 and the indication that claims 17 and 27-29 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The present amendment complies with the examiner's requirements.

More specifically, the subject matter of claim 17 and intervening claims 15 and 16 has been incorporated into claim 14, thus making claim 14 allowable. The subject matter of claim 27 and intervening claims 25 and 26 has been incorporated into claim 20, thus making claim 20 allowable. Claims 18, 19, 28, and 29 have been amended to correct their dependency since the claims from which they originally depended have been canceled. Claims 21-24 continue to depend from claim 20, which now is allowable. As a consequence of the present amendment, all of the claims now in the application either have been allowed, have been indicated to be allowable, or depend from allowable claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments to the claims and remarks, the application now should be in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any remaining questions, he is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney in order to expedite prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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